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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/21/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 44-111.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 08/21/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term prior patent number 7,283,584; 6,975,723; 6,959,083; 6,922,469; 6,683,548; 6,570,513 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Egan on 12/17/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 44, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 44, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 44, lines 9, "operable" has been replaced by operates

In claim 44, page 9, line 7, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

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In claim 53, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 53, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 53, lines 9, "operable" has been replaced by operates

In claim 53, page 11, line 12, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 60, line 1, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 60, page 13, line 4, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 66, line 1, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 66, page 15, line 7, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 70, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 70, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 70, page 17, line 11, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 78, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

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In claim 78, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 78, page 19, line 18, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 84, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 84, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 84, page 21, line 17, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 91, line 2, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 91, lines 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 91, page 23, line 18, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 96, line 1, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 96, page 25, lines 2 and 10, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 101, line 1, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

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In claim 101, page 26, line 21, and page 27, line 3, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 104, lines 1 and 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 104, lines 4, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 104, page 28, line 15, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

In claim 109, lines 1 and 3, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 109, lines 4, "capable of being coupled" has been replaced by configured for coupling

In claim 104, page 30, line 8, "capable of being" has been removed from the claim

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 44-111 allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 44 and 53, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, an apparatus comprising: phone line side circuitry; powered side circuitry; and a DC holding circuit within the phone line side circuitry, wherein the powered side circuitry is configured to communicate a first digital differential signal to at least a first isolation capacitor and a second isolation capacitor; wherein the phone line side circuitry is

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configured to communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; and wherein the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry are configured so that power is provided from the powered side circuitry to the phone line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards.

As to claims 60 and 66, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, a method comprising: coupling at least two isolation capacitors between powered side circuitry and phone line side circuitry; configuring the powered side circuitry to communicate a first digital differential signal to at least two isolation capacitors; configuring the phone line side circuitry to communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; configuring the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry so that power is provided from the phone line side circuitry to the phone line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards; forming a DC holding circuit within the phone line side circuitry, the

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DC holding circuit comprising a phone line side integrated circuit and external circuitry external to the integrated circuit; providing a programmable circuit for switching the DC holding circuit between at least a first and second mode of operation, the first mode of operation for at least a first phone line interface standard and the second mode of operation for at least a second phone line interface standard, the second standard having a DC termination current limit; and coupling the internal circuitry and external circuitry so that if the DC holding circuit is operated in the second mode of operation more power may be dissipated in the external circuitry during the second mode of operation than during the first mode of operation.

As to claims 70 and 78, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, an apparatus comprising: phone line side circuitry; powered side circuitry capable of being coupled to the phone line side circuitry through a plurality of isolation capacitors; a DC holding circuit within the phone line side circuitry for reducing power dissipation requirements of an integrated circuit within the communication system, the DC holding circuit comprising: at least one switchable circuit, the switchable circuit having a first state for a non-current limiting mode of operation and a second state for a current limiting mode of operation, external circuitry external to the integrated circuit, and internal circuitry within the integrated circuit, the external circuitry and the internal circuitry being coupled together wherein the external circuitry dissipates more power in the current limiting mode than in the non-current limiting mode; wherein the powered side circuitry is configured to communicate a first digital differential

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signal to a first isolation capacitor and a second isolation capacitor; wherein the phone line side circuitry is configured to communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; and wherein the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry are configured so that power is capable of being provided from the powered side circuitry to the phone line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards.

As to claims 84 and 91, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, an apparatus comprising: phone line side circuitry; powered side circuitry capable of being coupled to the phone line side circuitry through a plurality of isolation capacitors; a DC holding circuit compatible with a phone line standard having current limit requirements for reducing power dissipation requirements of an integrated circuit within the communication system, the DC holding circuit comprising: external circuitry external to the integrated circuit, and internal circuitry within the integrated circuit, the external circuitry and the internal circuitry being coupled together wherein the external circuitry dissipates more power than the internal circuitry in at least one mode of operation; wherein the powered side circuitry is configured to communicate a first digital differential signal to a first isolation capacitor and a second isolation capacitor; wherein the phone line side circuitry is configured to

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communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; and wherein the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry are configured so that power is capable of being provided from the powered side circuitry of the communication system to the phone line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards.

As to claims 96 and 101, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, a method comprising: coupling at least two isolation capacitors between powered side circuitry and phone line side circuitry; configuring the powered side circuitry to communicate a first digital differential signal to a first isolation capacitor and a second isolation capacitor; configuring the phone line side circuitry to communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; configuring the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry so that power is capable of being provided from the phone line side circuitry to the phone line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards; forming a DC holding circuit within the phone

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line side circuitry, the DC holding circuit being formed with internal circuitry internal to an integrated circuit and external circuitry external to the integrated circuit; and coupling the internal circuitry and external circuitry so that more power is capable of being dissipated in the external circuitry than in the internal circuitry.

As to claims 104 and 109, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to disclose, either alone or in combination, a method comprising: providing phone line side circuitry; providing powered side circuitry capable of being coupled to the phone line side circuitry through two isolation capacitors; providing integrated circuitry and nonintegrated circuitry to comprise a DC holding circuit within the phone line side circuitry; coupling the integrated circuitry and the nonintegrated circuitry; and dissipating more power in the external circuitry than in the internal circuitry if the DC holding circuit is utilized for a phone line interface standard having a DC current limit requirement; wherein the powered side circuitry is configured to communicate a first digital differential signal to a first isolation capacitor and a second isolation capacitor; wherein the phone line side circuitry is configured to communicate a second digital differential signal to the first isolation capacitor and the second isolation capacitor so that the first and second digital differential signals are communicated across the same first and second isolation capacitors and so that the first and second isolation capacitors bidirectionally transfer the first and second digital differential signals; and wherein the powered side circuitry and the phone line side circuitry are configured so that power is capable of being provided from the powered side circuitry to the phone

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line side circuitry while still maintaining the isolation required by the phone line isolation regulatory standards.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leila Malek whose telephone number is 571-272-8731. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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